

# CRITICAL THINKING/READER'S RESPONSE QUESTIONS FOR FICTION TEXTS

## Pre-Reading Questions

- What is the title of your book? Why might the author choose this title?
- Who is the author and illustrator of the book?
- Have you read other books by this author?
- Look at the pictures in your book.
- What can you tell about the illustrator?
- Using the pictures as a guide, do you think this story is realistic?
- What do you predict this story will be about?
- Does this book have a table of contents? What does the table of contents tell us?

## During Reading Questions

- Where could the author have gotten the idea for this story?
- Who are the main characters in the story?
- Which character do you like the least? the most? Why?
- Read a page in your book. What can you infer about the characters?
- Choose a character and discuss their character traits.
  - bossy, kind, selfish, helpful, honest, mean, joker, teaser, unhappy, tricky, clever, foolish, joyful, energetic, adventurous
- Choose two characters from the story. How are they alike and different?
- Which character is most like you? How is that character like you?
- What is the setting of the story? Where and when does it take place?
- How would the story change if the setting was different?
- Has the setting changed in the story? Were there different settings?
- How is the setting important to the plot of this story?
- Read a page. What details help you to visualize the setting of the story?
- What caused the problem or conflict in the story?
- Find an unfamiliar word in the passage. Use picture clues to figure out the meaning.
- What was the problem in the story? How could you solve the problem?
- Find an unfamiliar word in the passage. Use context clues to figure out the meaning.
- Create a question for others to answer.
- Reread a page and tell the main idea of that page.
- How do the pictures help you to understand the story?

## After Reading Questions

- How was the problem solved?
- What lesson can you learn from this story?
- What connections can you make to your own life?
- What connections can you make to other books that you have read?
- What was the genre of this story? What clues help you to know this?
- Summarize the passage. Somebody
  - wanted
  - but
  - so
  - then
- What do you predict will happen after the end of the story?
- Would you recommend this story to a friend?
- If you had been the main character, would you have acted the same or differently?
- What was the theme or author's message?
- What was the best part of the story?
- Was there a character you didn't like? Why?
- Would you like to read something else by this author? Why or why not?
- Did you like this story? Why or why not? Be Honest!
- Create a question for your friends to answer.